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TAGS: GATT

SUBJECT: VOTING IN THE GATT

REF: GENEVA 670 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL RECOMMENDS THAT, IN VIEW OF THE GENERAL US POSITION CONCERNING VOTING IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE US SHOULD RELUCTANTLY SUPPORT THE AUSTRALIANS, REQUEST THAT THE GATT COUNCIL HOLD A FORMAL COUNCIL VOTE ON AUSTRALIA'S EFFORT TO SET UP A MEAT GROUP.

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2. AS REFTEL POINTS OUT, GATT TRADITION HAS BEEN TO PROCEED

BY CONSENSUS. WE BELIEVE THAT THUS FAR THIS PRACTICE HAS SERVED US INTERESTS. IT IS A PARTICULARLY USEFUL PROCEDURE IN TERMS OF OUR RELATIONS WITH EC IN GATT WHERE MANY CPS SEEK TO AVOID TAKING POSITIONS AGAINST EC OR THE US AND THUS WE HAVE GENERALLY HAD AN EFFECTIVE VETO ON IMPORTANT ISSUES. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE GATT SITUATION IS NOT LIKE THE UN WHERE THE CONSENSUS PRINCIPLE IS USED BY LDC MAJORITY TO PREVENT US FROM RECORDING ITS POSITION. ENCOURAGING VOTING, PARTICULARLY ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES, IS NOT LIKELY TO IMPROVE GATT EFFICIENCY OR ATMOSPHERE NOR REDOUND TO BENEFIT OF US IN LONG RUN.

3. THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT GENERAL US POSITION CONCERNING VOTING IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION NOT BE APPLIED WITHOUT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL GATT HISTORY AND CURRENT SITUATION. GREENWALD

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